



TOWN OF GARNER

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Garner Named One of Top Five Towns in N.C.

Just a few months after being named an All-America City, Garner has earned another enviable accolade.

Movoto, a San Mateo, Calif.-based real-estate brokerage frequently cited by major news organizations, has named Garner one of the top five cities or towns in North Carolina.

According to the company's data crunching, Garner ranked as one of the top five based on cost of living, crime rate, education, median household income, home values and amenities.

"After garnering the information about this town just outside of Raleigh, we realized just how big of a difference a lower cost of living can make—in choosing a place to live and in making our list," said a Nov. 21 blog post on Movoto.com announcing the rankings. "Garner's cost of living is 5 percent lower than North Carolina's average, making it the least expensive spot on our Top 10."

Movoto also noted that Garner residents have a median household income that is 37 percent higher than the state median.

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The full report on the rankings is available at <http://www.movoto.com/blog/top-ten/the-10-best-cities-in-north-carolina/>.

In a statement released to Movoto, Mayor Ronnie Williams touted Garner's multitude of strengths.

"It's no surprise that Garner has won this latest accolade, which comes on the heels of being named an All-America City," Mayor Williams said. "With our great parks and cultural arts scene, and our nationally recognized schools, Garner is truly a great place to live and raise a family."

"We have a low crime rate and impressive range of housing options at various price points," the mayor said. "Plus, we're only 10 minutes from downtown Raleigh, which has great restaurants, performing arts venues and special events throughout the year. You just can't beat Garner."

The other towns in Movoto's top five for North Carolina were Apex, Wake Forest, Matthews and Morrisville.

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